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PROPAGATION: Nov 5-7, Above Normal; Nov 8, Above/Low Normal; Nov 9-12, Low Normal; Nov 13, Below Normal; Nov 14, Disturbed; Nov 15-18, High Normal; Nov 19, High/Low Normal; Nov 21-22, Low Normal; Nov 23, 24, High Normal. TNX N4XX.

| Flux (80) | Flux (81) | Flux (82) | Date | Flux (83) | ALPHA (83) | K (83) |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------|--------------|---------------|-----------|
| 185 | 174 | 191 | 10/27 | 90 | 5 | 2 |
| 177 | 185 | 184 | 10/28 | 90 | 5 | 1 |
| 189 | 191 | 177 | 10/29 | 92 | 14 | 5 |
| 205 | 204 | 169 | 10/30 | 91 | 32 | 4 |
| 215 | 210 | 168 | 10/31 | 94 | 25 | 1 |
| 230 | 232 | 162 | 11/1 | 94 | 15 | 3 |
| 238 | 247 | 157 | 11/2 | 102 | 23 | 3 |

KINGMAN REEF CANCELLED

BALDUR DROBNICA, DJ6SI, had to cancel both his participation in the current Jarvis/Palmyra operation and his Kingman Reef operation which was to have followed Jarvis. The captain of the boat taking the crew to Jarvis would only allow five radio amateurs on board, and Baldur, being "last in," was "first out." DJ6SI is trying to arrange an African trip sometime soon, and a Kingman Reef operation is possible sometime next year.

JARVIS

AD1S/KH5 is on as you read this. Issue 213 had frequencies, times, and so on. Three of the team members have T32 callsigns for Christmas Island, and will be on, emphasizing the "low bands," after Jarvis. T32AQ QSL to AD8J; T32AR QSL to W0RLX; T32AS QSL to AD1S.

DL1VU PACIFIC TRIP

Holland's DXPRESS announces that DL1VU will begin Pacific Ocean operations Nov 17, probably exclusively on CW. There is no set itinerary, durations of stay depending on "if Karl likes the place and if costs are not too high." Here, from DXPRESS, are the spots:

KH2, KH0, KC6, C21, T2, T30, T31 (depending on transportation), T32 (maybe), KH1 (depending on transportation), 5W1DC, ZM7VU, ZK2VU (time permitting), ZK1XG, ZK1XGN (?).

Karl will use an FT77 (100 watts), and wire antennas. QSL routes to be announced from each spot, with probably different managers from most.

SPRATLY: 1S is still on the DXCC List following a lopsided DXAC vote. 1S1CK by DU1CK (last Spring) still does not count for Spratly credit. The New York Times, in an Oct 27 story, reported that U.S. oil drilling ship with 79 people aboard had disappeared in the S. China Sea. As of Nov 3, the search for the ship was still in progress, with little hope of finding anything. The ship, the Glomar Java Sea, had been in the 3500-square mile area leased by China to oil explorers. The Chinese reported fears that the ship had been blown off course, into waters claimed by Viet Nam. This would be the area in which the DJ6SI Spratly crew was attacked last April.

CORRECTION: DXPO '84 will be in Washington D.C. area next September, under leadership of W2GHK. DXPO '85 is tentatively scheduled for Atlanta GA.

DESECHED: WP4ATF and HI3RST/W4 are trying to raise money for their Deseched operation proposed for the first week of January. They say they expect to make 3,000 contacts on SSB "and occasional CW operation." If you want to send some money, address it to Jose I. Maldonado, PO BOX 449, Palmer PR 00721.

SM0DJZ and SM0AJU will sign 5H3BH from TAN ZANIA again this year, Nov 22 to Dec 6, including the CQ WW CW Contest. Look for them "50 KHz up," except 30 up on 80 and 40. QSLs for this operation only to Jan Hallenberg, Siriusgatan 106, S-19500 Mersta, Sweden. All other 5H3BH QSLs still go to SM0EAI.

THREE GREEKS will activate Rhodes (Dodecanese) Nov 20-27, including SV1OL/SV5 (SSB, 80-10), SV1NA/SV5 (CW, 80-10), and SV1OE/SV5 (Oscar satellites). QSL to their home calls.

K4YT's AFRICA TRIP was cut short; Washington cancelled 5R8, 3B8, 5H3, and 9J2. Karl notes that per his original schedule, he would have been at 5R8AL for the CQ CW "Test." Karl had a new IC-740 lined up for 3B8DA but the cancelling of that stop will prevent him from getting the rig to Alex. A reminder, too, that QSLs for all K4YT operations go to W2TK.

QSLs: W4FRU's new address is PO BOX 5127, Suffolk VA 23435...HK0TU QSLs are already in the hands of many...no XU1SS QSLs received yet...SU1RK via DL53P.

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Follow-up report

GRENADA

OUR ISSUE 213 STORY ON GRENADA has brought some feedback, almost all of it positive. We did have a long phone conversation with one of the participants in the amateur radio communications, a person peripherally involved in the news business. While he pointed out a handful of discrepancies (mainly things no one could have known when we wrote the story on Oct 27), he failed to change our mind on any major conclusion we had come to.

Even conservative columnist William F. Buckley, in his November 2 newspaper column, admitted that delaying press access to Grenada "was mistaken but not censorship." According to Buckley, the day we wrote our account of the communications action (Nov 27) was the first day that any significant number (fifteen) of reporters were allowed on Grenada. They were "under military supervision."

Here in Vernon, as in many cities and towns across the country, the local press came to us for information. Our local paper, with the wire services at their fingertips, ran several stories based on our information, finishing up with a major, half-page article based on our October 31 issue of The DX Bulletin.

The caller mentioned above pointed out a couple of things which bear mentioning...in the beginning, KA20RK/J37 was in communication with a specific few amateur stations in the states. He was soon besieged with hams offering their services for things like phone patches to places such as Outer Fencepost, N. Dakota. You know how it goes...although ARRL literature has preached for decades that we should keep our traps shut in an emergency unless we are specifically needed, many hams just can't resist breaking in. Barettella, a brand-new ham, learned about this quickly!

So the State Department got FCC to authorize operation first on 14.140 MHz, a stupid decision. After that came the move to 14.351.

The word currently making the rounds is that Barettella was instructed to speak in ciphers because he was being monitored by opposing forces on Grenada. We have also been told that many of the students at the Medical College ("True Blue") did feel endangered. It would not be unreasonable to speculate that some of them thought Barettella's transmissions were acting as a "homing device" for the "enemy."

Our final analysis is that communications between Barettella and the U.S. government in the states got back to the military invasion force, and enabled them to most accurately assess the situation near the College. So we still believe amateur radio came out of this one looking very good, indeed

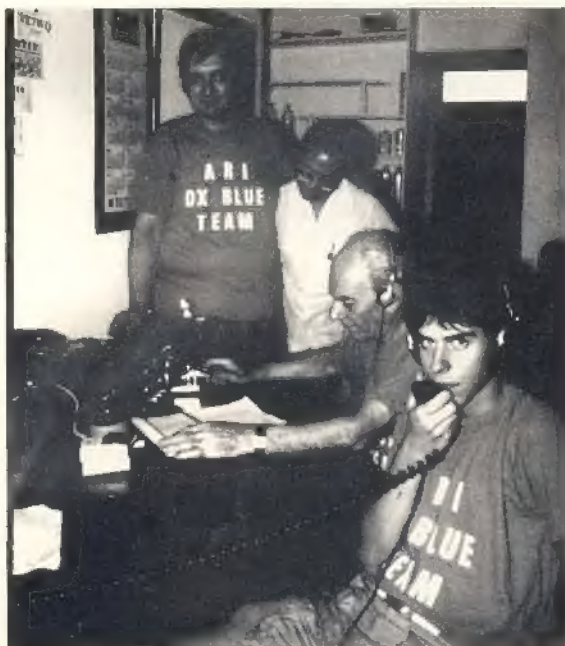
Unfortunately, the upshot of Grenada is that the government has been forced to reiterate a point made before---it is not allowable for the news media to walk into your hamshack and get direct information from a sealed off area for the purpose of selling that information to the public. At least not when a de facto news blackout is in effect. It does give one pause...this writer monitored the Grenada communications, then sold the story to you, his subscribers! Hmmm...

TAIWAN REPORT BY I2MQP

I2MQP/BV was the second expedition by the "Italian DX Blue Team," the first having been during the summer of 1983, from North Africa, which resulted in many records being set on UHF, SHF and EHF. The Taiwan operation was possible thanks to BV2A and the Chinese Radio Association. The operation was cut short by an entire weekend, due to three earthquakes and a typhoon. 5300 contacts were made: 1.3K with Europe, 800 USA, 2.3K Japan, and the rest throughout the world.

Propagation was very poor (Mario says), with no USA on 10 Meters (only three Europeans), very little DX worked on 15 due to QRM from JA, and very brief openings to the USA on 20 Meters.

The Italian DX Blue Team, founded by I2JQ in October 1982, plans more expeditions which will be announced later.



BANDPASS: Call/Frequency/UTC (plus East, Central, West Coast report)/Date

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| AP2AU 14226 12C 26 | FRØFLO 7080 02W 29 | T2RAA 7010 12E 26 | Z23JO 28577 14E 30 |
| A22CA 14260 14E 22 | FRØFLO 7058 14W 29 | T2RAA 14015 13C 28 | 3B8CF 7007 02E 22 |
| A24JH 28578 12E 22 | FRØFLO 14220 03E 29 | T2YKC 7054 13W 29 | 3B8CF 28045 15E 23 |
| A22TE 14210 23E 30 | FRØFLO 3789 02C 30 | T2YKC 28570 22E 29 | 3B8CF 14045 03E 29 |
| A22BW 28523 14E 30 | HBØBHA 7004 23E 27 | T3ØDB 14310 03C 23 | 3B8FG 14200 12E 31 |
| A22BW 3793 04C 30 | H44GP 21370 01W 27 | T32AB 7002 02E 25 | 3B9FK 7005 01E 25 |
| A4XAB 7002 00E 13 | FR7CDL 28021 23E 28 | T32AF 21295 01E 29 | 3D2DB 14310 03C 23 |
| A71BJ 28568 14E 22 | JA3YKC/ | UK1PGO 14227 15C 28 | 3D2CM 14333 06W 23 |
| A71AD 14227 15E 23 | JDL 7082 12W 29 | UAØYT 14017 01W 20 | 3D2ZM 21045 00W 26 |
| A71AD 14227 14W 28 | JD1YAA 21300 22E 30 | UAØBBN 7004 10E 27 | 3D2ZM 28527 22E 29 |
| A82LC 21345 00C 24 | JY8RF 3775 03E 30 | UV9WD 7002 02E 28 | 3D6AN 14177 04E 23 |
| A82LC 28537 18C 24 | J28DS 14009 20E 22 | RW9A 3645 12C 30 | 3D6AN 21345 19C 23 |
| A92DQ 14227 15C 27 | J28DS 14027 21E 24 | UK2FBR 7005 23E 27 | 3D6AL 28507 12E 23 |
| A92P 21321 13E 30 | J28DP 7008 02C 27 | UK7PAL 7002 02E 24 | 3D6AN 14157 13E 31 |
| BV2A/Ø 14021 12C 26 | KC4AAA 14293 04W 21 | UI8CB 14019 02W 29 | 3X4EX 14219 22E 23 |
| BY8AA 14015 12E 26 | KC4AAA 14245 03E 22 | UI8IF 14043 02W 26 | 4K1GDW 14205 09E 19 |
| CEØAE 21331 22C 22 | KC4AAA 14300 03E 28 | UJ8JCQ 14043 02C 20 | 4K1GDW 3507 01C 26 |
| CEØFCM 14197 03E 22 | KC4AAA 14240 23E 30 | UJ8JCQ 14048 02W 26 | 4K1GDW 3509 03E 27 |
| CEØZAD 14207 01E 25 | AH8B 3805 11W 29 | UM8MAQ 14051 02W 23 | 4U1UN 14028 14E 29 |
| CN8MK 28545 18E 23 | AH8A 21350 01E 29 | UM8NAA 14040 04C 28 | 4U1ITU 14042 13E 22 |
| CN2AQ 7002 21E 23 | AH2B 3782 12E 2 | UM8MKF 21042 13E 28 | 4U1ITU 7012 03E 23 |
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| CU3AR 7080 08E 30 | OY8R 14332 14C 24 | VK9NS 7080 07E 30 | KC7UU/ |
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| EA9MV 14028 22E 24 | W3TTS/ | VU2GI 14173 13E 31 | 7P8DB 3785 03E 30 |
| EA9EU 1807 05E 30 | TF 7002 23E 24 | Y11BGD 14203 13W 28 | 7X4BL 21355 19C 23 |
| ED9CM 14200 22E 30 | TF3SA 14025 21E 26 | YV3ANT 1825 06E 30 | 8Q7QA 14189 02W 21 |
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| FM7WU 3507 03E 29 | TR8GM 28650 21E 30 | ZK2RS 14310 03C 23 | |
| FO8JP 28527 01C 23 | TU2NW 3793 05C 23 | ZK2IK 28550 23C 29 | |
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| FO8IW 14209 05E 30 | TU2NW 3773 04C 29 | ZS3GB 28620 18C 24 | |
| FR7BT 14052 03C 21 | TU2NW 14195 23E 30 | ZS3GB 28620 14E 29 | |
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CALENDAR

CHINA BY1PK operation by JAs ended Nov 3; BY4AA and BY8AA active; need reports from JA readers!

CAMBODIA XU1SS very little activity; need JA reports!

BURUNDI 9U5JB on now; I 211

IVORY COAST TU2NW reportedly now has 160 Meter permission

PALMYRA (JARVIS) AD1S/KH5 NOW to Nov 10; last 4 issues

CHRISTMAS T32 by AD1S crew following Jarvis; I 214

RODRIGUES Leaving next month (3B9FK)

KURE N2EDQ/KH7 still shows 14.310 @ 0300Z

U.A.E. A6XJC effectively off the air; need reports

CROZET New Ops FB8WJ/WK due this month

BOUVET Rumors of November apparently false

TN8AJ Rumored on now to Nov 17; need reports

VKØCK Has replaced VKØGC on Macquarie; no low bands

MALAGASY 5R8AL on SSB lists on 15, plus some CW

YASME W6QL/W6KG now on from Ecuador

TONGA A35ZM by K6ZM starts Nov 8

PACIFIC DL1VU starts Nov 17; Issue 214

ANGUILLA VP2ES by K8CV starts Nov 20

RHODES SV1s OL, NO, OE Nov 20-27; I 214

TANZANIA 5H3BH by SMØs AJU, DJZ, Nov 22-Dec 6; I 214

CANTON T3ØDB still talking about T31/KH1 this month

BELIZE V3A Nov 23-29; I 209

ST MAARTEN PJ7A by W2GD, K3VW Nov 26/27

FR POLY By K6HHD/W6GO end of Nov

SPACE SHUTTLE W5LFL/mobile launches Nov 28

GALAPAGOS HC1SK/8 Dec 27-Jan 2

GLORIOSO FRØFLO trying for Jan '84

KERMADEC ZL#AFH on now, barely

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CLIPPERTON Coming Feb/Mar/Apr '84

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"Heard on 20 M SSB: 'VK3DNW will lead an expedition to the Andamans Nov 7-15. Call will be VU7WCY.'"

It hardly seems that an operation of this importance could be kept from the amateur radio press until this late, but stranger things have happened. Hope!

There is probably someplace in Tasmania that sounds vaguely like "Andamans," and they meant VK7WCY. Oh, well.

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